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Dismembered body found in the Bronx



► An NYPD medical examiner looks at one of the four bags that contain parts of a woman who was cut to pieces in the Bronx.

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► Woman's body discovered hacked to pieces in four garbage bags in Melrose section of the Bronx
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Son questioned after mom's body found hacked to pieces in Bronx

► Body parts found in several different bags in the Bronx ► Police ID woman who was recently reported missing by her son ► Source says her son is a suspect

A man walking his dog with his son yesterday in the Bronx made a gruesome discovery when he found human remains inside of a garbage bag.

The man came across the bag in front of 660 East 158 St. in the Bronx and brought it to a nearby park in a housing complex at 830 Eagle Ave., where he opened it and found two human hands and what appeared to be a shoulder, according to police reports.

While waiting for the police, his dog also found a suitcase in front of 775 Eagle Ave. that police said contained a headless torso. The torso was wrapped in a shower curtain.

Patrol cops investigating the case reportedly found two more bags of body parts, one of which included the head of what appeared to be an African-American woman with dyed blond hair.

The body parts all appeared to belong to the same woman. None were badly decomposed.

The woman was later identified as 45-year-old



► A police officer pulls down the police tape at the crime scene in the Bronx.

Clues found in the apartment

The torso was found wrapped in a shower curtain, which was reportedly missing from Byrd's home. A law enforcement source said that cops smelled bleach in Tonya Boyd's apartment and found an empty box for a Black & Decker reciprocating saw. Latex gloves were also out



► Police stand guard over some of the remains.

in plain sight, the law enforcement source said. Police were in the

process of obtaining a search warrant for the apartment.

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The victim's body was cut up and placed into four bags that were spread around the Bronx neighborhood.

local Tonya Byrd.

She was reported missing by her son that same morning via a 911 call.

The son reportedly told police his mother left home on Sunday or Monday with her ex-boyfriend and his new girlfriend to go to work. Police said the son told them he had not seen or heard from his mother since then.

The NYPD obtained a photo of his mother, and the photo appeared to match the head found in the fourth suitcase.

A law enforcement source said the son was being questioned as a suspect. As of press time, he was still being questioned.

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In the news

Broadway most dangerous for pedestrians

A new report shows that Broadway, running through Manhattan and the Bronx, is the most dangerous road for pedestrians, with 17 deaths over three years, the Daily News reports. It gets worse further north, with most accidents occurring above 96th Street, according to the Tri-State Transportation Campaign report.

LAURA SHIN

In the news



Bloomberg: Large drink ban should be statewide

Mayor Michael Bloomberg believes a ban on large sugary drinks, to take effect March 12, should be expanded to the state.

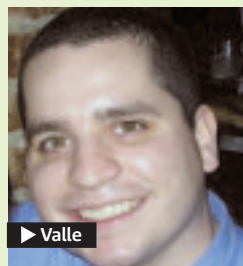
A spokesman for the mayor confirmed the mayor thinks the state should adopt the same policy, the Wall Street Journal reported. Under the law, some establishments are restricted from selling sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces. METRO/LS

In the news

Women that cannibal cop is accused of plotting to eat testify in court

NEW YORK. The women a police officer is accused of plotting to kill and eat testified in his trial yesterday. Three women testified at, some of whom said they did not feel threatened, according to the Associated Press.

Former police officer Gilberto Valle is accused of a complicated scheme to kidnap, kill and eat women. Prosecutors say he created files and even followed women, planning cannibalism. His lawyers



► Valle

have said that he only had sadistic sexual fantasies and that no one was actually in danger, according to the AP.

One former classmate said she never felt threatened by him. She told the court that his wife had sent her a Facebook message, which she thought was "crazy." Another classmate also said she did not consider him violent. On Monday, his wife testified against him, saying she fled their home with their

baby daughter after finding his online postings.

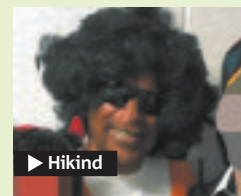
According to the Daily News, prosecutors read his postings yesterday, including things like, "When I see her Sunday my mouth will be watering." "She's going to be delicious" and "Out of curiosity are feet edible?" METRO/AB

Dov Hikind apologizes for blackface

After a day of protestation over perceived "political correctness to the absurd" followed by criticism from just about every local politician, Assemblyman Dov Hikind posted a "heartfelt and sincere apology" on his blog.

Hikind also tweeted the apology in parts this morning.

"I apologize for the pain



► Hikind

"Unintentional as they were, I recognize now that the connotations of my Purim costume were deeply offensive to many."

HIKIND

that I have caused anyone by this incident, and by any remarks that I have made in connection with it... I sincerely hope this note will soothe any hurt feelings,"

Hikind wrote.

A group of City Council members, led by Jumaane Williams, issued a public letter chastising the assemblyman, writing: "This is a disconcerting response, especially when we consider that on multiple occasions you have come out to loudly defend the Jewish community against real and perceived indignities."

But several local politicians, including Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and mayoral hopefuls Bill de Blasio and Bill Thompson, couched their criticism in praise.

Hikind repeatedly defended the costume as in line with the spirit of Purim, the Jewish holiday that customarily involves dressing up in costume, saying he just wanted to be unrecognizable. DANIELLE

TCHOLAKIAN

Feds order Fung Wah to halt its bus service

The federal Department of Transportation has ordered the Chinatown-based Fung Wah bus company to shut down immediately, two days after Massachusetts state officials said they were requesting the feds to declare the company an "imminent hazard" over safety concerns.

The DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration made the decision, according to a statement from the agency.

The statement said that the agency has "ordered Fung Wah Bus Transportation, Inc., to immediately cease passenger service and provide its entire fleet of 28 motorcoaches for thorough and detailed safety inspections by qualified inspectors."

The agency said it is continuing an examina-



▶ The federal Department of Transportation ordered the Fung Wah bus company to shut down.

tion of the discount bus company's operations, including its vehicle safety records, driver safety performance and other records.

Ann Berwick, chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, said that the

agency's Transportation Oversight Division conducted random inspections earlier this month, and of nine Fung Wah buses looked at, eight had cracks in their frames. Those buses were ordered off of the road.

State officials met with

the bus company's owner, who agreed to take all buses manufactured before 2005 off of the road. As of Saturday, 21 of 28 buses were taken out of service.

The Fung Wah company has a history of accidents, including a woman killed in a New York City accident in 2008, two people being seriously injured while crossing a city street last month and an accident in Massachusetts that injured about 20 people in 2009.

Calls placed Monday to the bus company's New York City and Boston offices requesting comment were not returned.

The Boston Globe reported that Fung Wah was using charter buses to shuttle passengers from New York to Boston.



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WTC. Tribute



▶ A member of the Port Authority Pipes and Drums band salutes.

The city commemorated the 20-year anniversary of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing yesterday at the WTC site. A moment of silence took place at 12:18 p.m., when the bomb went off near the North Tower. Six people were killed in the blast, and more than a 1,000 others were injured. ● METRO

In the news

NY Aquarium to reopen after Sandy

The New York Aquarium plans to reopen in spring, eight months after surging seas from Hurricane Sandy flooded the popular tourist attraction which sees

750,000 people annually.

The Wildlife Conservation Society, owner of the aquarium in Coney Island, estimated the damage from the flooding at \$65 million and announced the reopening yesterday, while declining to be more specific about the exact reopening date.

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By the numbers



► Money, like NYC, never sleeps.

Wall Street bonuses skyrocket

Wall Street bonuses
jumped last year,
according to a new report.

8%

New York State
Comptroller Thomas
DiNapoli released data
yesterday revealing that
cash bonuses to finance
employees increased by 8
percent last year.

\$20B

The total was a whopping
\$20 billion, according to
the report.

\$121K

The average cash bonus
increased by 9 percent to
an average of \$121,900,
according to the report.

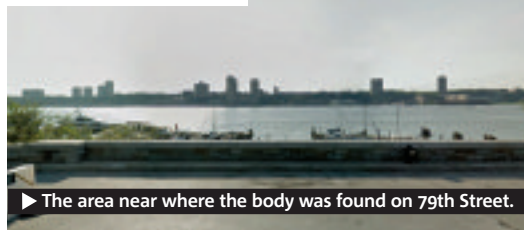
\$362K

And the average salary
for the securities industry,
including bonuses, was
\$362,900 in 2011, the last
year data was available.

10%

The report revealed that
the industry has 10 per-
cent fewer jobs in the city
since the recession began
in 2008. ● ALISON BOWEN

Body. In Hudson



► The area near where the body was found on 79th Street.

GOOGLE

Police are investigating the death of a man, 25,
whose body was found in the Hudson River near
West 79th Street on Monday. Police responded to a
911 call about an unconscious person in the water
around 4 p.m. Members of the NYPD Harbor Unit re-
moved the body, and the man was pronounced dead
at the scene, police said. The Medical Examiner will
determine the cause of death. Police have not yet re-
leased the man's identity. ● LAURA SHIN

News in brief

Council to vote on fines for street vendors

The City Council will vote
today on slashing the max-
imum fine for street ven-
dors. Council Speaker
Christine Quinn
announced last week that
the Council planned to
pass legislation that would
halve the maximum fine
from \$1,000 to \$500.
Vendors from the Street



► A vendor in Midtown.

Vendor Project will be at
City Hall this morning to
rally for Council members
to approve the bill. The
Street Vendor Project said
members will also attend
the hearing to celebrate
the planned passage.

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Titanic II plans unveiled, but don't call it unsinkable

Australian entrepreneur Clive Palmer unveiled blueprints for Titanic II, a modern replica of the doomed ocean liner, yesterday in New York, although he stopped short of calling the vessel unsinkable.

The ship will largely recreate the design and decor of the fabled original, with some modifications to keep it in line with current safety rules and shipbuilding practices, and the addition of some modern comforts such as air-conditioning, Palmer said.

The three passenger classes, however, will be prevented from mingling, as in 1912, Palmer said.

"I'm not too superstitious," Palmer said when asked whether recreating a ship best known for sinking was tempting fate.

White Star Line, the operator of the original ship, had said the Titanic was designed to be unsinkable. Some 1,500 people died on Titanic's maiden voyage in 1912 from Southampton to New York after the ship collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic.

Palmer, who created



► Clive Palmer unveiled plans for the Titanic II ocean liner.

But how much will it cost?

Palmer declined to answer questions about the project's cost. Although the Titanic was the world's largest ship in her time, she would be smaller than many of today's cruise ships.

Quoted

"Anything will sink if you put a hole in it."

PALMER

the company Blue Star Line last year, declined to make a similar boast.

"Anything will sink if you put a hole in it," Palmer said. "I think it would be very cavalier to say it." Unlike the original, Titanic II will have more than enough space in its lifeboats for every person onboard and will have additional escape staircases.

Palmer hopes construction would begin later this year and that the maiden voyage, recreating the transatlantic crossing of the original, would take place in 2016, he said.

REUTERS

News in brief

Chris Christie to back Medicaid expansion

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie will expand the state's health-care coverage for the poor, joining other Republican governors who have recently opted in favor of the measure under President Barack Obama's federal health-care reform, media reported yesterday.

Christie is expected to present his decision to state's lawmakers, The Star-Ledger wrote in its Web edition, citing unidentified sources.

Republican governors, including Christie, have criticized the Affordable Care Act law. But several



► Christie

have recently decided to expand the coverage anyway, including Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who reversed course last week.

Not expanding Medicaid could cost New Jersey \$4.2 billion over the next nine years, according to a report published on Thursday by the left-leaning think tank New Jersey Policy Perspective.

If it opted to expand, New Jersey could save \$2.5 billion, the group said.

REUTERS

Greenfield goes after Sanitation for pedestrian safety

Councilman David Greenfield will be introducing legislation today that aims to augment the way pedestrian bridges are cleared after a snowstorm. Greenfield's office said the bill is motivated by complaints that pedestrian bridges too often go uncleared after a blizzard, making the already-steep bridges especially treacherous. The bill calls upon the New York City Department of Sanitation to include in its annual report a list of all the pedestrian bridges in the city, as well as a plan for how they ensure that all bridges are cleared after a snowstorm.

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Pentagon plans to tap potential of mobile devices

WASHINGTON. The Pentagon unveiled a plan yesterday to ultimately enable the Defense Department's 600,000 users of smartphones, computer tablets and other mobile devices to rapidly share classified and protected data using the latest commercial technologies.

The system aims to quickly enable the latest technologies to be securely used by the military while remaining "device agnostic," said Major General Robert Wheeler, a Defense Department deputy chief information officer.

That sets the stage for

an intensified struggle for Pentagon customers among BlackBerry devices, Apple's iPhones or iPads, and units using Google's Android platform.

The Defense Department currently has more than 600,000 mobile device users, including 470,000 with BlackBerries, 41,000 who have Apple operating systems and 8,700 who use Android devices.

REUTERS

Yahoo memo sparks debate on working at home

LONDON. An internal memo at Yahoo Inc. introducing a ban on working from home has sparked a debate as to whether remote working leads to greater productivity and job satisfaction or kills creativity and is just a chance to slack off.

Working remotely has become commonplace due to technology and has been welcomed particularly by people with young families or those facing long commutes. **REUTERS**

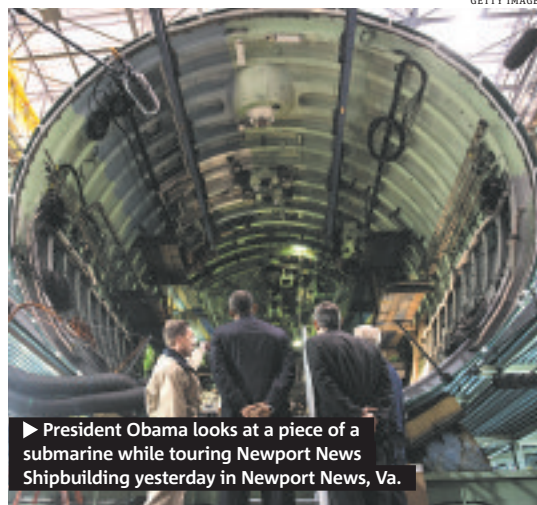
Obama: Washington stalemate over cuts puts jobs on the line

President Barack Obama traveled to the Navy's sole builder of aircraft carriers to drive home his argument that his political foes and their constituents will be among the hardest hit by spending cuts that start March 1.

Obama used the backdrop of the shipyard of Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. in Newport News, Va., to emphasize the effect on defense industry jobs if \$85 billion in automatic budget cuts for the remaining seven months of the fiscal year kick in as scheduled on March 1. With 21,000 workers, the facility is Virginia's biggest manufacturing employer.

"The impact of this policy won't be felt overnight, but it will be real," Obama said yesterday. "It's not just restricted to the defense industry."

House Speaker John



► President Obama looks at a piece of a submarine while touring Newport News Shipbuilding yesterday in Newport News, Va.

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OBAMA

Boehner staged a preemptive news conference in Washington earlier yesterday where the Ohio Republican accused Obama of using the military as a "prop" to promote tax increases. He said the House won't act until the Democratic majority in the Senate "gets off their ass" to pass a fiscal plan.

With three days to go before the spending reductions known as sequestration begin, there was no public sign that the White House and congressional Republicans are in negotiations on an alternative fiscal plan. **BLOOMBERG**

Economic impact

Unless there's a resolution in the coming weeks, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that budget reductions will cause a 0.6 percentage-

point reduction in growth this year. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee today that "this additional near-term burden on the recovery is significant."

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Exposure to lead can cause autism

► The common metal also previously discovered to cause brain damage and a disposition toward violence

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► A warning label reports lead in gasoline.

Autism symptoms correspond to the level of toxic metal in the blood, with exposure to lead particularly harmful, according to a U.S. study.

Autism sufferers carried 74 percent more lead in their systems than control subjects, and 115 percent more tin. Sufferers with more severe symptoms carried higher concentrations of metal, with researchers at Arizona State University finding that toxic metal was the "strongest factor" in determining severity.

"We knew that exposure to lead makes people lose IQ points, and clearly it can induce autism," lead researcher Professor James Adams said. "The study also showed that people with the highest levels are least able to excrete them."

Autism was previously thought to be largely a hereditary condition, but environmental and chemical reasons are now being accepted. "Studies such as this improve our understanding," said Caroline Hattersley, head of information and advice at the U.K.-based National Autism Society, calling for "more research ... across a greater geographical area." It is the latest lead con-

Quoted

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JAMES ADAMS

74%

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cern, after Metro reported research in January that revealed exposure could induce aggression, violence and brain damage. "Anything to do with the nervous system will be badly affected. We're only starting to see the full damage," Tulane University Professor Howard Mielke, who studied the toxin's effects in 14 countries, said. "There are huge repercussions for learning ability from just a small change in exposure."

Kieron Monks
METRO WORLD NEWS

Lead remains and so do poison claims

Lead remains widespread across the world, most commonly in soil and paint. But neither government nor the petrol companies that produced leaded gasoline have taken action to clear it, with

320M

The largest award to date is the \$320 million paid out to victims of exposure at a St. Louis smelting plant in 2011.

fuel additive company Ethyl Corporation suing environmental groups that attempted to hold it

responsible.

In civil courts, hundreds of millions of dollars have been recovered by the victims of lead poisoning, and is a rapidly growing area for compensation claims.

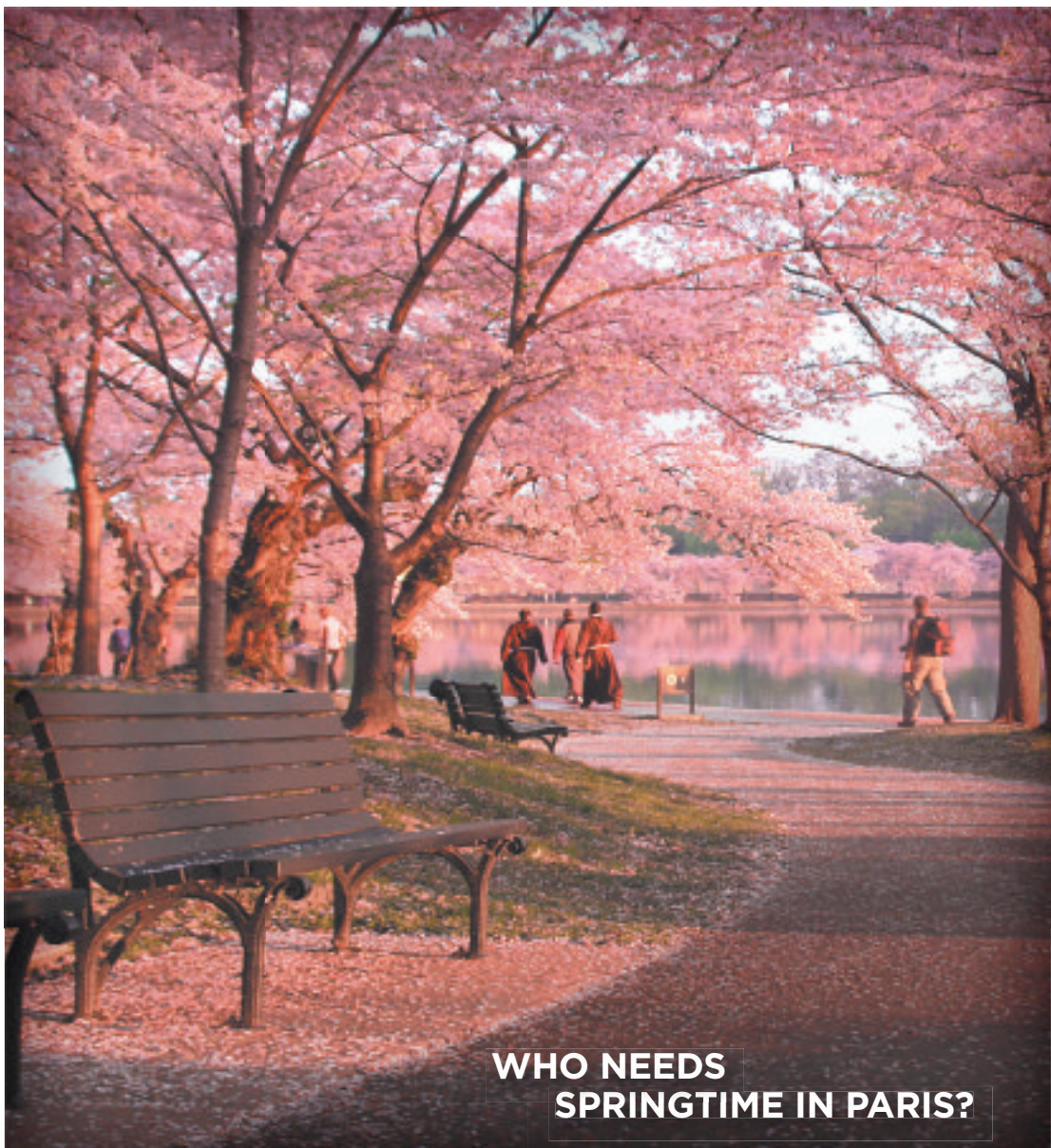
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Lead can be found in some paints.



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Pope praying, packing before reign ends

► Outgoing pontiff to be addressed as 'pope emeritus' ► Has one day left to sort through papers ► Ring will be destroyed

Pope Benedict was praying and packing yesterday one day before his move out of the Vatican and into retirement where he will assume the title of "pope emeritus" and still be referred to as "your holiness."

The Vatican said Benedict was spending a day in the apostolic palace with no audiences.

"Today is a day dedicated to prayer and preparation for the events of the next two days," Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi said.

Lombardi said the pope was sifting through documents to see which will remain in the Vatican and go into the archives of his papacy and deciding which "are of a personal nature and which he will take to his new residence."

Among the documents left for the next pope will



► A couple watches clouds gather near St. Peter's Basilica. Benedict will hold his last audience in the square today.

What he'll wear

► Benedict will lay aside the red "shoes of the fisherman" that have been part of his papal attire and wear brown loafers given to him by shoemakers during a trip to Leon, Mexico, last

year.

► He will wear a "simple white cassock," Lombardi said.

► Benedict's lead seal and his ring of office, known as the "ring of the fisherman," will be destroyed according to Church rules, just as if he had died.

be a confidential report by three cardinals into the "Vatileaks" affair last year when Benedict's former butler leaked private papers revealing corruption and in-fighting inside the Vatican.

The pope has one day left before he takes the historic step of becoming the first pontiff in some six centuries to step down instead of ruling for life.

After two weeks of consultations with aides, theologians and historians, the Vatican announced the status Benedict will assume after he is no longer leader of the 1.2 billion-member Church.

Benedict will be known as "pope emeritus Benedict XVI" or "Roman Pontiff emeritus Benedict XVI," be addressed as "Your Holiness" and be referred to as "His Holiness Benedict XVI." **REUTERS**

Sex, power and the Vatican way

The sex and power scandals haunting the Catholic Church look set to play a big role in meetings before next month's papal election after two senior cardinals yesterday called for more internal debate about them.



A leading support group for victims of clerical sexual abuse also made what it called a "last-ditch plea" to Pope Benedict to use his authority before resigning on Thursday to discipline bishops who have protected predatory priests in their dioceses.

The abuse issue took on new urgency after Scotland's Cardinal Keith O'Brien, accused of improper behavior with young priests, quit as Edinburgh archbishop on Monday and pulled out of

115

Number of cardinal electors who can vote in the enclave

80

Age at which a cardinal becomes ineligible to vote

the Sistine Chapel conclave to elect a new pope.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, now the only British prelate due to attend pre-conclave talks among cardinals at the Vatican next week, said in London the sexual abuse of children was the most serious scandal in the Church. French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran said the cardinal electors should also be informed about a secret report on Vatican corruption prepared for Pope Benedict. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

Afghans hold anti-US rally over abuse

More than 500 men marched through the capital of Afghanistan's restive Wardak province yesterday in an outburst of anger against U.S. special forces accused of overseeing torture and killings in the area.

Shouting "Death to

500

Number of rally protesters

America," "Death to Obama" and "Death to special forces," the protesters called for the immediate withdrawal of the American soldiers and threatened to join the Taliban if their demand was not met. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Rocket explodes in Israel

A rocket fired from Gaza exploded in Israel yesterday, the first such attack since a November truce, and a militant group said it launched the strike to retaliate for the death of a Palestinian in an Israeli jail.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group in Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's West Bank-based Fatah move-

ment, called the rocket a "first response" to inmate Arafat Jaradat's death in disputed circumstances on Saturday.

"We must resist our enemy by all available means," the group said in a statement. **REUTERS**



Rocket remains

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Egypt balloon crash tallies 19 fatalities, most foreign tourists

At least 19 people, most of them Asian and European tourists, died yesterday when a hot air balloon caught fire and crashed near the Egyptian town of Luxor after a mid-air gas explosion, officials said.

The balloon came down in farmland a few miles from the Valley of the Kings and pharaonic temples popular with tourists. Rescue workers gathered the dead from the field where the charred remains of the balloon, gas canisters and other pieces of wreckage landed.

One Egyptian was also killed, Health Minister Mohamed Mostafa Hamed told Reuters, listing the other victims as tourists from Japan, China, France, Britain and Hungary. Earlier, officials had said all the dead were foreign-



► The deadly balloon lies on a road in Luxor.

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"It was a huge bang. It was a frightening bang, even though it was several kilometers away from the hotel."

KONNY MATTHEWS, ASSISTANT MANAGER AT AL MOUDIRA HOTEL IN LUXOR

ers. The balloon crashed on the west bank of the Nile river, where many of the area's major historical sites are located.

Ahmed Aboud, head of an association representing Luxor balloon operators, said the fire had begun in the pipe linking the gas canisters to the burner. He said it was an accident. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Big powers make offer in Iran deal

Major powers offered Iran limited sanctions relief in return for a halt to the most controversial part of its atomic work during the first day of nuclear talks yesterday, and Iran promised to respond with a proposal on the same scale.

The talks in Kazakhstan were the first in eight months between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany — the "P5+1" — on a decade-old dispute that threatens to trigger another war in the Middle East.

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Hathaway knows you don't like her

Step away from the MacFarlane, Theron

Charlize Theron, I think I speak for women everywhere when I say, "Noooooooo! Do not date **Seth MacFarlane!**"

But it seems like she might, if E! News is to be believed. Apparently, at his private Oscars after-party, he performed a few numbers that he didn't get to do at the Oscars in front of family and friends, which included Theron.

"Charlize was very chatty with Seth and they shared a laugh in between his performances," a source says. "The party wasn't packed, but everyone seemed to be enjoying the singing and dancing." Theron reportedly stayed at the shindig for quite a while.



Theron



▶ Hathaway practiced her acceptance speech to make sure she came off as likeable. Did it work?

Anne Hathaway rubs people the wrong way. What did she do? Smile too broadly? Want to win the Oscar a little too badly? Why does she, as a Facebook friend put it, come across as "New Jersey Drama Camp's answer to Tracy Flick"?

Whatever it is about the new Oscar winner, she knows she irks a lot of you. "It does get to me," she

said of the snipes directed at her after winning the award Sunday. "But you have to remember that there's a positive to every negative and a negative to every positive." And a source tells Us Weekly that Hathaway was even looking to head off her critics before the big awards show by practicing her acceptance speech to make sure she came off as like-

able as possible. "She was very aware that she had been the butt of everyone's jokes," a source says.

The practicing didn't help. When she breathlessly whispered, "It came true!" when she held her Oscar for the first time, social media erupted with simultaneous vomiting. The vitriol was so outstanding that **Lena Dunham** tweeted: "Ladies: Anne

Hathaway is a feminist and she has amazing teeth. Let's save our bad attitudes for the ones who aren't advancing the cause."

Would we be so mean if she were a little chubby (a la **Adele**)? If she weren't white? If she actually did something that caused our nastiness, like killing a family of four in a DUI accident? Why can't we just let the beautiful nerd be?

The feed ...

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Seth MacFarlane is listening to only one review, Kirstie Alley is old, Jeff Ross on double-standards, and Lea Michele is acting.

@SethMacFarlane: My cat said the show went well.

@KirstieAlley: old women's hands look like they are wearing creepy skin gloves...I know this because they are on my hands

@realjeffreyyoss: How come

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@msleamichele: This scene I'm shooting at #Glee today requires lots and lots of crying.. At first it's therapeutic.. Then it just becomes exhausting! :(



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2. Also in Paris yesterday: New mom **Lily Allen**.

3. Fashion faceoff! A very dapper **Matthew Broderick** and **Sarah Jessica Parker** attended the 10th annual Love 'N' Courage Benefit For TNC's Emerging Playwrights Program at The National Arts Club on Monday in New York City.

4. LL Cool J took in the Los Angeles Kings game Monday in L.A.

5. Alec Baldwin or **Donald Trump**? It's the former, and he spoke at the New Yorker For New York Gala at NYC's Gotham Hall on Monday.

6. Cher Lloyd rocked some blue locks at the SiriusXM studios in NYC yesterday.

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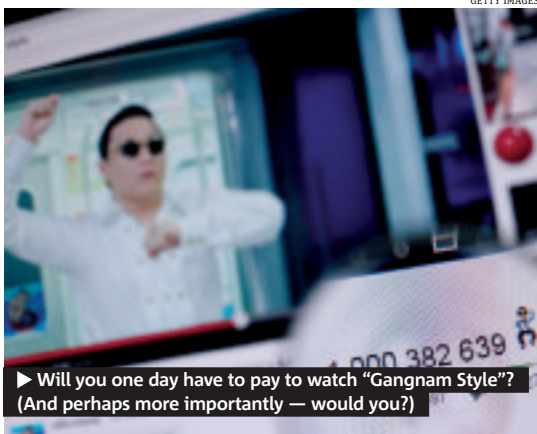
Code found in YouTube's most recent app update suggests that Google may be working on pay-to-view channels.

Spotted by Android Police, the code mentions subscribing and unsubscribing from paid YouTube channels — a function that will apparently only be available on the Web, not in YouTube's mobile app.

Rumors have circulated for some time that Google was considering paid channels on YouTube; the stray code in the app update all but confirms that rumor.

In January, AdAge reported that Google had reached out to a small number of channel producers, asking them to submit applications and create channels that users would have to pay to access, in most cases to the tune of \$1 to \$5 per month.

In response to the AdAge story in January, a YouTube representative told Mashable, "We have long maintained that different content requires different types of payment models. The important thing is that, regardless of the model, our creators



How it works

Right now, this effort is being billed as an "experiment," but it's one that YouTube reps have been suggesting for a long time. YouTube's CEO Salar Kamangar teased the idea multiple times last year.

By effectively launching a la carte and pay-per-view options for consuming video content, YouTube would likely bring in more money from ad dollars and a cut of the subscription revenue.

succeed on the platform. There are a lot of our content creators that think they would benefit from subscriptions, so we're looking at that."

The company has previously discussed the possibility of offering pay-to-view channels as a way for television networks to continue to broadcast shows that might not be bringing in enough cash to exist on cable networks, but have a passionate and dedicated audience.

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'Hoarding: Buried Alive'

REALITY. We can't get enough of this voyeuristic reality show. Peer into the lives of real people whose homes are jam-packed with junk/metaphors for emotional emptiness. 9 p.m., TLC

'American Idol'

REALITY. It's exciting to know that one of these people really could be the next Ruben Studdard. Are these people part hydrogen and plasma? Because they're what stars are



► "Hoarding: Buried Alive" peers into the lives of hoarders.

made of. 8 p.m., Fox

'Modern Family'

COMEDY. Elizabeth Banks returns as Mitch and Cam's

train-wrecked best friend. Will they fit the bill as the best men in her impulsive, last-minute nuptials? 9 p.m., ABC
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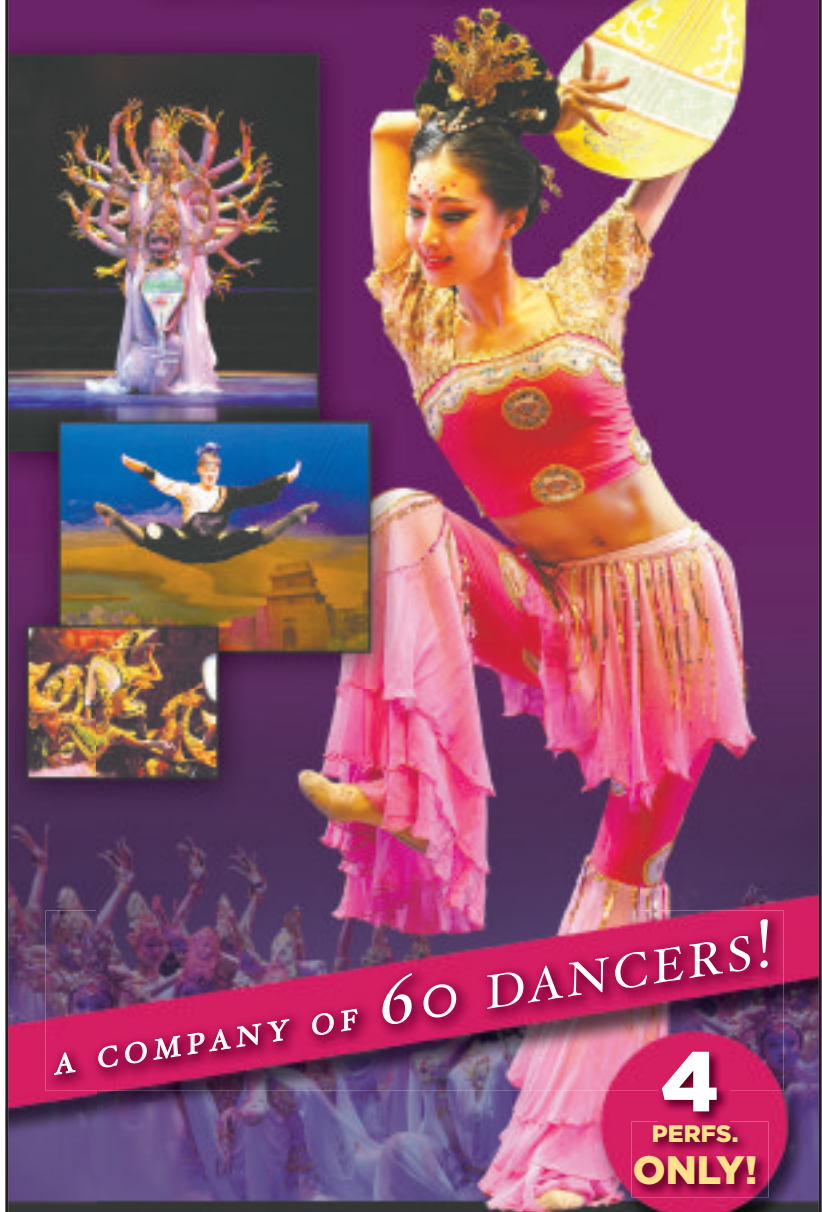


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Bryan Singer takes on a 'Giant' job: Kid stuff

DANIEL SMITH

With "Jack the Giant Slayer," director Bryan Singer finds himself facing a whole new audience: kids. But while he admits the film has gone through a softening in both its title and the amount of onscreen violence, Singer insists he's digging playing for the younger crowd. But he's even more excited about getting back into the X-Men franchise with the currently in-development "X-Men: Days of Future Past."



Bryan Singer on the set for "Jack the Giant Slayer."

It felt like there was a more violent version of this movie just a few frames away. Was there a lot you had to change to scale it back for a family-friendly audience?

A change that I wish could've been in there is when [a giant] picks up [Ewan Bremner] and bites

his head off. We had it where he actually put the guy's head in his mouth and chomped it. And you know, I would've been happy to see that stay in. I thought it was kind of funny. I sat and watched it in a theater full of 7-year-olds, 8-year-olds, and they were [screaming], but you know,

Q&A

Can you talk about how "Days of Future Past" will mix actors from the different time periods of the [X-Men] franchise?

Um, I can't. I can't talk about that, but it does! [Laughs] So I am able to accommodate both casts in a really fun and interesting way, a really cool way. I love the actors in the new cast, and as a

producer I was instrumental in casting them, but I never had the opportunity to work with them as director, so I get to do that now. And in the development of the script, it's interesting. Stuff comes to me a lot faster than it does on other films. So either it's something about the [X-Men] universe that I get more than other things, or maybe it's just that I'm more experienced and I have an instinct about it.

nobody walked out. But there was just so much fear on the part of the studio, and I was like, "All right, fine. Cut the few frames." But I think the kids could've taken it.

How terrifying is it to sit in a screening room full of 7-year-olds?

With this movie it has been fun. I have never tested one of my event pictures. The Superman and X-Men films were always done with friends and family, but "Valkyrie" we tested. I love testing, I think it's a great experience. And with this particular movie it was fun. The kid behind me was kicking my seat,

he was laughing so hard. But at first it can be intimidating, I guess.

This used to be called "Jack the Giant Killer."

I think that change was [inevitable]. I think the word "killer" always put people in a concerned mode. It's not unusual that the change occurred after the tragedy in Colorado. And "slayer" is more of the period. People are "killed" in modern times, but people aren't "slain." Slaying is usually reserved for dragons and things like that. So I was fine with the change.

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The head bone's connected to the neck bone, the neck bone's connected to the back bone, and so on and so on. This little ditty you sang as a kid carries an important message: Our body parts work in conjunction with one another, and nothing is isolated. What starts at our feet, therefore, can influence how the rest of our body behaves. That's why proper footwear is an important foundation for staying injury-free.

We enlisted Dr. Andrew Sands, the chief of foot and ankle surgery at New York Downtown Hospital, to give us some tips on choosing a good pair of sneakers that can carry us from treadmills to trails and everything in between.

What can wearing the wrong sneakers do to your health?

Sneakers now have different areas of support for differently shaped feet. If someone does not know, for example, that they have a high arched foot, and [they buy] something that exaggerates that high arch, it can lead to injuries

such as stress fractures or ankle sprains.

If [your shoes have] cheap materials and poor construction — however fashionable they may be — and you walk all day on concrete, it can lead to pain, overload syndromes or stress fractures. I see many people with problems from wearing cheap sneakers. On a different subject, if someone has diabetes and develops foot insensitivity, cheap sneakers can lead to ulcers and other deformities.

Sneakers that are too small (short) cause bunions, stiff first toes and hammer toes.

What should you look for when buying sneakers?

It depends on the shape of your foot. And often salesmen don't know. A visit with a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in foot and ankle surgery will give you a lot of information that will guide you in choosing. Sometimes a visit to a certified podiatrist is needed to craft a special insert. Your orthopedic surgeon will give you a prescription should it be needed.

What is a more expensive



► Before you stare at a wall of shoes, visit an orthopedic surgeon to find out what type of foot you have.

When should you replace your shoes?

It depends on how big you are and how much you use the sneakers. If you are a husky guy and you walk all day at work, and then walk around on concrete in your free time, you should consider having two or more pairs of cushioned shoes. Alternating them allows

them to breathe and rest between wearings. In general, sneakers should be replaced every six to nine months if you're a big guy and 12 to 18 months if you are a lighter person. Write the date of purchase on the inside label in Sharpie, or get yourself new socks and sneakers every year on your birthday.

pair of sneakers offering that a cheaper pair isn't?

The more expensive sneakers might be made in the USA, which is important for some people. Also, the materials tend to be better — the shoes might be sewed instead of glued and there might be a removable insert. Avoid seam lines over bunions, as seam lines don't stretch. Some shoes are overkill for everyday walkers.

What questions should you ask a salesperson?

Ideally, you should know what you need and what you want before you go to the store. I always recommend a sneaker that has width sizing, like Brooks. A good salesperson will measure your feet with a BRANNOCK [shoe sizing] device. Manufacturers don't have a standard sizing criterion, especially women's shoes. Don't go by what you think is your number. Go by the proper fit: one finger space beyond the toe, and the width should be wider than your foot. Your foot shouldn't spill over the sides of your shoes. The size you were in high school or college is not your current shoe size. Your feet change shape, especially after giving birth. The hormones that allow the baby to come out also allow your foot ligaments to spread and lengthen. ● METRO

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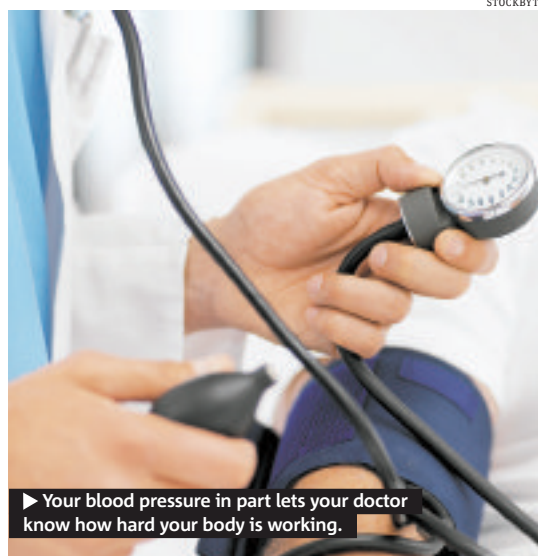
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This is a combination of electrolytes (sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium, bicarbonate), blood sugar, liver enzymes and kidney function, all of which together are a general indication of overall internal organ functioning.

tems can influence any or all of these parameters and give an indication of your overall well-being.

CBC (complete blood count)

This is a measure of the number and type of cells in the blood. Red blood cells carry oxygen and require



► Your blood pressure in part lets your doctor know how hard your body is working.

sufficient dietary iron for normal levels. Too few red blood cells result in anemia, causing a lack of energy and fatigue, or in severe cases, headaches, fainting or breathlessness. White blood cells help to fight infection and if elevated indicate infection or inflammation somewhere

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Urine analysis

This office test looks for evidence of too much sugar, acid, protein and red or white blood cells in the urine. Abnormal findings may be a sign of diabetes, kidney stones and kidney inflammation or infection.

Thyroid hormones

The thyroid gland is the body's master thermostat and controls your overall rate of metabolism. Too much and you may be hot, experience heart palpitations and have a tremor. Too little and you may be sluggish, gain weight and feel cold.

Cholesterol

This is needed to build healthy cell membranes in every part of the body. Too much cholesterol causes premature hardening of the arteries, which can lead to cardiovascular disease or strokes. Too little and your body will fall apart, literally!

Chest X-ray

This can find abnormal

nodules which may suggest cancer, an enlarged heart or evidence of infectious disease or inflammatory conditions.

EKG (electrocardiogram)

This looks at the electrical activity of the heart and can detect abnormalities in rhythm and heart size or show evidence of strain or injury as a warning sign or evidence of a heart attack.

Breast, rectal, testicular or pelvic exams

These exams, though briefly uncomfortable, are designed to find signs of cancer and may actually save your life if suspicious findings are discovered early, before you have other more obvious symptoms.

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Today in medicine

Plant-based diets cut heart disease risk

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 7,447 individuals, ages 55-80, at high risk for cardiovascular disease
Results: Research from the International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, hosted by Loma Linda University Health, says that eating a plant-based Mediterranean diet that includes nuts or virgin olive oil can slash heart disease risk by 30 percent.
Significance: The diet was also found to help ward off "death from all causes and incidence of diabetes and metabolic syndrome," says Dr. Miguel Angel Martinez, one of the study's leaders. Want to try it? Start adding more fresh produce, seafood, whole grains and nutritious fats, like walnuts and olive oil, to your meals.

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- The bottom of my heel hurts all day, but it's worse when I step out of bed in the morning.
- I have cramps in my legs which always happen when I walk the same distance.
- My ankles are swollen most of the time.
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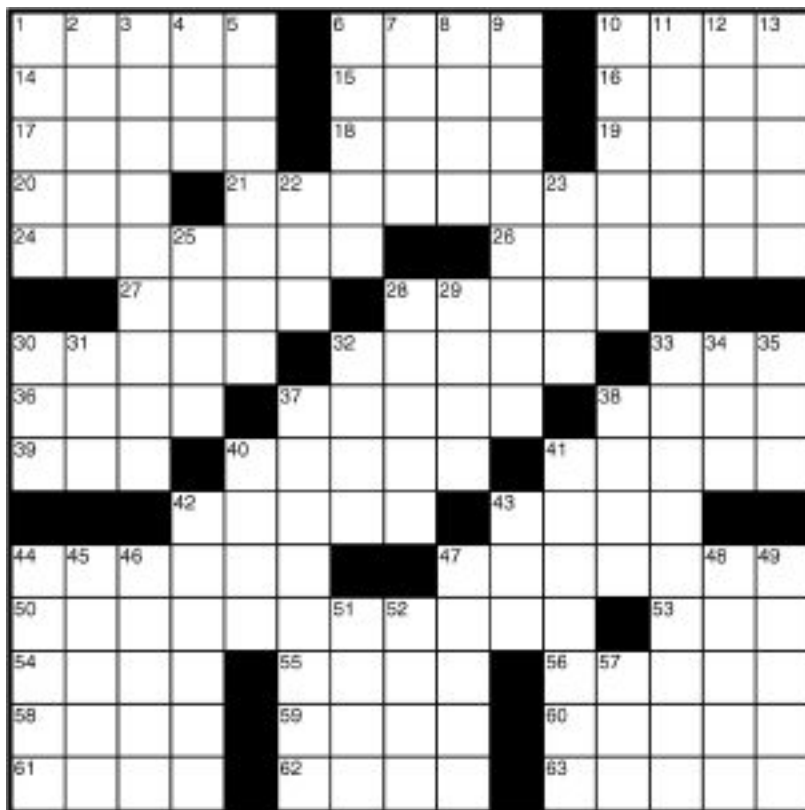
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14 Queen of the Misty Isles
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17 Blends
18 Striped antelope
19 Put out heat
20 Caress
21 Sauce for asparagus
24 Girl of barbershop quartets
26 Nucleus
27 Casino city
28 Bends forward
30 Imitating
32 Tapered seams
33 "Maggie May" singer
36 Licks, say
37 Row of shrubs
38 German industrial region
39 Install tile
40 Brain parts
41 Ice skating event
42 Women with nieces
43 Pull down
44 Moonshot mission
47 Holds firm
50 Engine parts
53 Util. bill
54 Language of Pakistan
55 Mike problem
56 Wry humor
58 Swarm with
59 Distinct periods
60 Doggerel
61 Makes a faux pas
62 Business attire
63 First name in glue

Down

1 Busch Gardens city
2 Helen of Troy's story
3 Adroitness
4 Tucked away
5 Tongue- — (scolding)
6 Sprain locale
Kind of mate
8 Pop-top beverage
9 Shorten



10 Launderers
11 Restriction
12 Biscotto flavor
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Horoscope

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.

There are always those times when we turn out to be the victor with something in which we are vulnerable. If you happen to take a beating in the early rounds, keep this in mind.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Be as flexible as possible when trying to iron out the snags in an agreement. When you allow everything to be on the table during negotiations, the problems will dissolve.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Stay out of office politics as much as possible. Chances are nothing will be resolved, but the brouhaha it stirs up could unsettle you and affect your job performance.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Un-

less you match your activity with the clock, not everything you want to accomplish will get done. Don't spend too much time on unanticipated interruptions.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. Don't fight for what you want if you know that doing so will have detrimental side effects. What's good for you might not be equally rewarding for the others involved.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Even though Lady Luck is willing to help you out, you might not notice her contribution until late in the game.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. When it comes to your financial affairs, be both careful and prudent by thinking first and acting second. If you reverse this order, you might not be able to clean up your mistakes.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. In negotiating a matter of importance, don't be too hasty and accept what is first offered. If you aren't getting exactly what you want, you should be able to improve your position.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Something that you work really hard on might not turn out as well as you expected. Conversely, that to which you devote little effort could go over like gangbusters.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Try to be tolerant and forgiving in involvements with both your family and friends. When you overlook their shortcomings, they, in turn, will overlook yours.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Although it might not be easy, a critical objective can be achieved. When Lady Luck sees that you are doing what

you can, she will lend a hand.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. You'll have good luck in fulfilling your expectations and hopes, but not necessarily in the way you expected. Unforeseen developments will cause you to scrap your original plans.

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Letters

Coverage wasn't Oscar-worthy

RE: "ARGO," 'PI' TAKE OSCARS" (METRO, FEB. 25) I enjoyed reading your Oscars coverage, but would like to point out an error of yours. I'm an Oscar fan of 50 years! I know my stats. You stated that the last time there was an Oscar tie it was the Streisand/Hepburn Best Actress tie in 1968. That is incorrect. In 1995 there was a tie in the Short Film, Live Action category: "Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life" tied with "Trevor." And the Streisand/Hepburn award was presented in 1969, not 1968.

MARTIN SILVERT, VIA E-MAIL

With all due respect for the limited space you have, you couldn't fit in Jennifer Hudson? Seriously, did you leave the room when this woman was singing — and I mean SINGING! She belted it out solo. I enjoyed that whole segment and loved seeing Catherine Zeta-Jones' reprise of "All that Jazz"

But Jennifer didn't need a "cast of thousands" like the other two acts. She had the crowd on its feet. Not only did you not give

her her props, you didn't even mention her name!

PATRICIA SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

French problems have many faces

RE: "PARIS ISN'T TINTED WITH ROSES — THAT'S JUST YOUR GLASSES" (METRO, FEB. 25) When I saw the article and recent letters, I sent copies to a French friend for his input as someone on the scene. This is his response:

"As a Frenchman living in France and getting poorer and poorer every day, I say don't you write about what you don't know about! You're not aware of what's going on in France today. When Mr. Holand got elected as president, the unemployment was 8 percent and now it's 11 percent and rising. Factories are closing all over the nation, wealthy people are moving out, VAT are going up — and you are saying everything is going well in France? We are even sent a bill if we have an antenna on the roof to tax broadcast TV.

Like yours, our government is borrowing money so the next generation will have to pay for today's spending!"

PHILIPPE BORDES, BELIN-BELIET FRANCE, VIA JP LAWRENCE

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Red Bulls without much time to win

The Red Bulls open the season this Sunday at the Timbers, one of the most difficult places to play in MLS. Hopes are high in Mike Petke's first season as head coach, with the team looking to build on three straight trips to the postseason and finally make it to the promised land. It won't be as easy as fans might hope.

The team has question marks and Petke



has never been a head coach before, meaning there will be a severe learning curve on and off the field. And in Thierry Henry's last season with the Red Bulls, the time is now for the franchise's first MLS Cup. Patience from the team's ownership in Austria might be next to nil.

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Players to watch



Sam

► Lloyd Sam

The English midfielder was signed late last season and showed sparks in five games before being shelved with a knee injury.

The 28-year-old winger is speedy and reads the game well, but must be consistent in a midfield that might struggle to maintain possession.



McCarty

► Dax McCarty

Last year was a breakout season for the American midfielder, who is a pit bull in the center of the park.

A call-up to national team camp in January was much deserved and gave him a chance to train with the best. McCarty must continue to be a ball winner who will spark the attack.



Cahill

► Tim Cahill

The Australian international didn't put up big numbers after his summer signing from Everton, but he will be called on to pull the strings in the midfield.

Cahill must be more daring this season if the Red Bulls want to make the playoffs again. He must begin to earn his high paycheck.

In the news



Krzyzewski out as US head coach

Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski announced yesterday he will not return to coach the U.S. basketball team.

Krzyzewski has been the coach for the past seven seasons, leading the team to gold medals in both Beijing in 2008 and London last year. They also won the 2010 world championship.

"I've loved, loved, loved, and it's been an honor being with the USA Basketball team," Krzyzewski told ESPN.

The U.S. expects to name a new coach this summer ahead of next year's world championship, according to Krzyzewski.

The Players

The Red Bulls' lineup features a few changes from last season's playoff club, especially on the offensive side of the ball. Metro breaks down the probable starters and some of the key reserves who will make a difference this season:

► Starters

GK Luis Robles
D Markus Holgersson
D Jamison Olave
D Heath Pearce
M Lloyd Sam
M Dax McCarty
M Juninho
M Jonny Steele
F Thierry Henry
F Fabian Espindola

► Reserves

GK Ryan Meara
D Connor Lade
D Kosuke Kimura
M Ian Christianson
M Ruben Izquierdo
F Josue Martinez

3 Storylines to watch

► Espindola being counted on to step up ► Defense was among worst in MLS in 2012 ► Petke takes over

1 Where will the goals come from?

Last season, the Red Bulls offense was paced by Kenny Cooper's 18 goals, but the hulking forward was traded to Dallas this offseason and he leaves a giant hole. His production will be replaced, in theory, by former Real Salt Lake forward Fabian Espindola.

While gifted on the ball and skilled, Espindola is not a true goal-scorer, and unless he has a career-topping year, goals may be hard to come by early on for the Red Bulls.

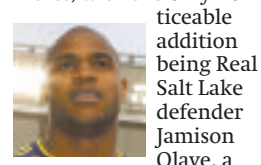


Fabian Espindola

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2 Will the backline be any better?

For much of last year, the defense struggled to keep the ball out of their net, giving up 46 goals. The defense returns largely intact, with the only noticeable addition being Real Salt Lake defender Jamison Olave, a



defender with a physical reputation. But at 31 years old, he is losing his speed. Given what appears to be a rather plebian attack, the defense must stay compact and tight. In their last five preseason games, New York has given up 11 goals.

3 Is Mike Petke ready to be a head coach?

A fan favorite after two playing tours with New York, Mike Petke is the epitome of soccer in this region. He parlayed success in high school in



Long Island to a solid college career and then a long and storied career as a rugged defender in MLS.

But is he ready to coach the team? After being an assistant coach for just two years, there is still plenty for Petke to learn. The locker room loves him, but the players will need to learn to respect him. ● METRO/KD

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18-May	Cap Day	Hess	All Guests
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► Nash has had a slow start to the season, with just three goals and nine assists.

Nash improves, nears return after practice

RANGERS. Head coach John Tortorella is covering up what injury has sidelined star Rick Nash for four games, but he couldn't hide his return to practice yesterday.

Nash didn't play last night against the Jets, but he said his return to skating with the team is progressing.

"Getting better," Nash said. "[It's been] a

positive day for sure, when you get back out and skate with the guys."

Tortorella's official responses to injury inquiries have been "it's none of your business" and "he's banged up," but Nash was injured against the Bruins when Milan Lucic checked him into the boards on Feb. 12. Multiple reports have indicated he suffered a concussion.

Nash wouldn't respond to questions about the injury yester-

day either. But he's still optimistic he'll return to game action soon.

"After last week and today, it's definitely [moving] in the right direction — and that's a big positive," Nash said.

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Brodeur listed as day-to-day

DEVILS. The Devils have lost two straight game without future Hall of Famer Martin Brodeur in the net.

But they received some good news in the form of tests on his injured back coming back negative.

Brodeur is officially listed as day-to-day with a sore back.

It may be good news the Devils returned backup goaltender Jacob Josefson, who had been called up after Brodeur was injured, to the AHL.

The Devils face the Jets in Winnipeg tomorrow. ● **METRO/MO**



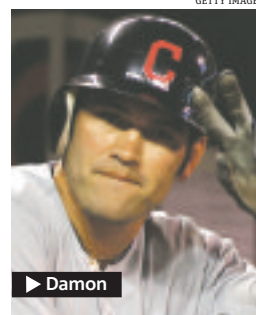
Damon: I'd love to return to Yankees

► Former outfielder happy to fill in for injured Granderson ► Doesn't think Bombers interested

The Yankees need a left fielder and one player who used to fill the role is offering to help.

Johnny Damon is currently a free agent, having played last season in Cleveland. But he's willing to join the Yankees to replace the hole left by the injury to Curtis Granderson.

"You guys know that I would have tons of interest to go to New York," Damon told 98.7 ESPN Radio in New York. "But I just don't think they would be interested. I'm not exactly sure what happened over the years or something. They have had plenty of opportunities and I kept raising my hand, wanting to go back and, you know, hopefully



► Damon

it would be a perfect fit."

Damon, 39, was let go by the Yankees as a free agent after the 2009 season. He spent that year as an important part of the World Series title team, going 18-of-64 (.281) with two homers and nine RBIs in the playoffs. He was a member of the Yankees from 2006-09.

Damon was reportedly interested in returning to the Yankees, but asked for a three-year deal and had to settle for just one season and \$8 million from Detroit. He went on to play for the Rays and Indians after that.

Granderson will be out 10 weeks with a broken forearm, putting his return date sometime in mid-May. Damon went as far as to offer to play for just the month-plus Granderson will miss.

"Have me for six weeks and then send me off on my merry way," Damon said. "That's fine."

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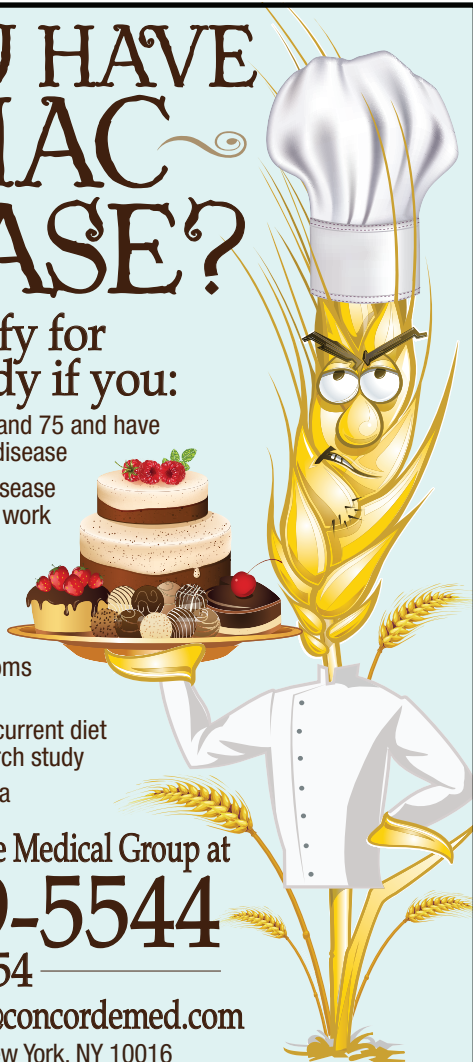
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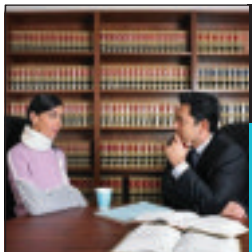
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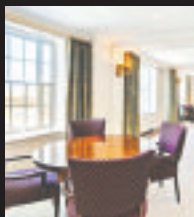
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► Margaret Garvey, an agent at Bond New York, went to bat for her clients.

Not for sale by owner

► In a market with scarce inventory, buyers' brokers convince homeowners to sell, sell, sell

The couple's budget was reasonable: a one-bedroom apartment in a doorman building on the Upper East Side for about \$650,000. But they didn't want to face a brick wall, take on major renovations or pay more than \$2,000 a month in maintenance costs. And after several months of hunting, they had come up empty-handed.

"We were stuck — there wasn't anything there," their broker, Bond New York's Margaret Garvey, told *The Real Deal*.

So Garvey took a somewhat unconventional step: She sent about 100 letters to apartment owners whose units matched the couple's criteria. Before long, she'd visited about six potential homes for her clients, and one of them fit the bill.

The couple ultimately paid \$618,000 for a one-bedroom at the Plymouth House, a postwar building at 235 E. 87th St. The sale closed on Dec. 20.

"I thought I was just going to do something a bit different to try and see if I could shake out a property for them," Garvey said.

And she isn't the only broker contacting the owners of unlisted homes. More agents these days are seeking to persuade homeowners to sell, even if they initially have no intention of moving.

Call it a scavenger hunt or "investigative brokerage," as one veteran put it. The strategy is one that brokers have used for years to satisfy clients looking for those needle-in-a-haystack properties. (This is in contrast to "whisper listings," where homeowners are looking to sell but have not publicly listed their homes.)

As inventory has shrunk in the last year — and plummeted in recent months — it's a tool that brokers are employing more often these days, insiders said.

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Getting crafty

Rather than searching only for rare gems in exclusive buildings, brokers are now also looking off-market for even run-of-the-mill homes, provided they have a desirable mix of amenities and a good location.

"These are fundamentally off-market transactions," said Ray Schmitz, a broker at Rutenberg Realty who has several of these deals in progress. "And unless you pay attention and really dig, you might just not notice how much this is going on."

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► Brokers are taking matters into their own hands when it comes to finding new listings.

Unearthing listings

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the number of Manhattan co-ops and condos listed for sale plunged to 4,749 units — about a third fewer than the same period the year before, and the lowest level since 2000, according to the most recent market report from appraisal firm Miller Samuel.

The dearth of inventory is partly the result of an ongoing shortage of new construction since the credit crunch, compounded more recently by a burst of winter sales in advance of the fiscal cliff deadline.

Faced with these conditions, brokers are employing a host of strategies to unearth off-market apartments for their clients: mailing letters, making phone calls, tapping social

networks and seeking tips from building residents and staff (who may know of recent divorces, deaths or job transfers).

"What you do as a broker, if you're good at what you do, is you start digging," said Kirk Henckels, the director of private brokerage at Stribling & Associates.

"If you don't have the inventory, then you have to find it," he added.

ISTOCK IMAGES

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Tip 1

Exposed brick can make a beautiful backdrop for dramatic elements, as seen in the dining room of this loft. Here, the brick is paired with a horizontal mirror and a modern light fixture to create a stylish dining nook. The mirror adds depth and keeps the space bright and airy while enhancing the fixture's illumination.

► The mellow exposed brick is the perfect backdrop for a dramatic light fixture.

Living with exposed brick

► Oftentimes homeowners are stumped when it comes to decorating with exposed brick walls ► Don't let this charming design feature crumble ► Here's how to make it work for you

Depending on how you style it, exposed brick can give your home either a modern, loft-like feel or channel a rustic and traditional vibe. We take a close look at three homes to see how their owners decorated around this unique design feature.

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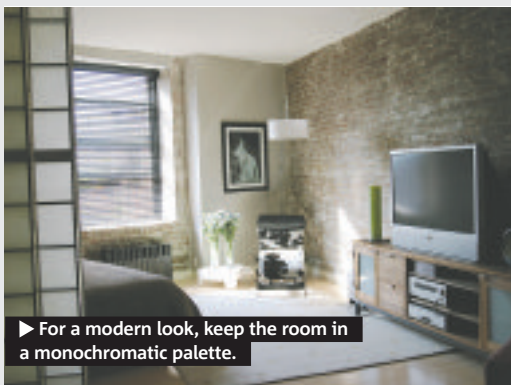
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Tip 2

Exposed brick can complement a traditional or rustic aesthetic. The dusty eggshell blues and beiges of these walls, linens and rug pick up on the lovely tones natural to exposed brick. The understated floral theme of the rug and bedspread further accentuate the brick's natural earthiness and warmth.

**Tip 3**

Create a clean, modern look with exposed brick by keeping the room in a monochrome palette. The cowhide recliner adds some punch to this room, but its color scheme keeps with the steely blacks, unfussy whites and cool grays. The exposed brick wall adds texture without detracting from the room's almost spartan aesthetic.



► For a modern look, keep the room in a monochromatic palette.

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